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II. An exact PEDIGREE of the CZAR'S Family, and Issue; with his own Character of the CZARINA.

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MEMOIRS

OF

The Extraction, Birth, Advancement, and Death of the CZARINA, Empreſs of *Ruſſia*.

INTRODUCTION.

THE Confirmation of the Empreſs of *Ruſſia*'s Death, induced me to compile theſe ſhort MEMOIRS; for the Amuſement of thoſe Perſons who have not any Knowledge of that Part of the World. And I am in

hopes the Publication of the following Account of the laſt CZAR's Extraction, and the late CZARINA's Riſe, tranſlated from his Life, printed in the GERMAN Language, at *Leipzig*, Anno 1725, will be entertaining to an *Engliſh* Reader; what may poſſibly recommend it, is the Novelty of the Circumſtances, and the Place mentioned where it was Edited. As a Tranſlator, I am not to anſwer for the Truth of every Particular; yet, conſidering we are Cotemporaries, and live in the ſame Quarter of the World, it is to be admired we ſhould be left ſo much in the Dark, and have ſo little of Certainty conveyed to us, about the Riſe of the CZARINA to ſo conſiderable a Dignity, who, no doubt, muſt have been an accompliſhed Woman, to ingratiate herſelf ſo far into her Husband's Eſteem, as to be left (contrary to the Expectation of

all

all *Europe*) SOVERAIGN of ſo extenſive an Empire: When, at the ſame Time, by Inſtances of his Publick Behaviour in other Countries, eſpecially in *France*, he ſhewed not ſo much as common Civility to the higheſt of her Sex, which, by ſome, is imputed to his want of becoming Addreſs, and Accompliſhments, ſuitable to a polite Court.

In the Compaſs of his Reign, who may be ſaid to be the Founder and Father of his Country, there are as great Variety of *Excluſions* (of *thoſe* whoſe Plea by *Proximity* of *Blood* would do them any Good) as we can meet with in Hiſtory: No leſs than Three Elder Brother's Daughters, a firſt Wife, Two Grand-children, and an only Son, (all then living) joſtled out of their *Divine Right*, to make Way for the late reigning CZARINA. I ſhall wave farther Animadverting upon this

wonderful Event, only leave it to the Conſideration of our Heroick Champions for *indefeaſible Hereditary Right*, ſeeing we have had no Buſineſs for them of late Years; whether, or no, they are not convinced they have been guilty of an unpardonable Neglect, in not tranſporting themſelves to *Muſcovy*, out of a Principle of Religion, to diſpute her TITLE, in order to reſign it up to them out of Conſcience, as they had like to have perſwaded our Queen *ANNE*, who, had ſhe lived, would have given Her's up, out of Weakneſs, (to a *Pretended Brother.*) But, *Tempora mutantur.*

An EXTRACT of the CZAR's Pedigree, &c.

IT is proper to acquaint the *Engliſh* Reader, that the CZARS and their Children, have had a Cuſtom for ſeveral Ages, to form their Surnames from their Father's Chriſtian Names, with adding the Monoſyllable *Wiz*, which, in the *Ruſſian* Language, ſignifies ILLUSTRIOUS; and no other dare preſume to make Uſe of it, unleſs by particular Permiſſion from the CZAR to ſome in Favour, or of a noble Pedigree. For Inſtance, the CZAR's Father was called *Alexis*, or *Alexander*, from whence all his Sons, as *Alexis*, *Theodore*, *John* and *Peter*'s Surnames were, *Alexis*, *Alexiowiz*,

Theodore

Theodore Alexiowiz, *John Alexiowiz*, and *Peter Alexiowiz*: And the late CZARINA was called *Catherine Petrowna*, from her Husband's Name being *Peter*; as all his Children's Surnames, that were Sons, would have been *Petrowiz*, and his Daughters Surnames *Petrowna*. In like Manner, the common People, in Imitation, form their Surnames from their Father's Chriſtian Names, by annexing the Word *Sin*, inſtead of *Wiz*, which ſignifies SON. For Inſtance; ſuppoſe a Perſon, whoſe Name was *Thomas*, had Three Sons called *Jeoffry*, *James*, and *Jack*, their Names would be *Jeoffry Thomaſin*, *James Thomaſin*, and *Jack Thomaſin*.

ALEXIS MICHAELWIZ, Father to the late CZAR, was advanced to be CZAR in 1645, and died the 8th 29th Feb Jan. 1676. He was twice married. His Firſt Wife was called *Maria*

Maria Hiavnor, by whom he had three Sons and four Daughters, *viz.*

1. *Alexis Alexiowiz.*
2. *Theodore Alexiowiz.*
3. *John Alexiowiz.*
4. Princeſs *Catherina Alexiewna.*
5. -------- *Mary Alexiewna.*
6. -------- *Sophia Alexiewna.*
7. The Name of the other Daughter is not mentioned.

The Firſt Prince, *Alexis Alexiowiz* died in 1670, at 11 Years old.

2. *Theodore Alexiowiz*, born 1657, ſucceeded his Father as CZAR, in 1676, and died, 1682, aged 25 Years, without Iſſue, tho' twice married, *viz.* to *Euphemia Rutetsky*, and to *Mary Matuewna Apraxin*, who died on the $\frac{21st\ Jan.}{10th\ Jan.}$ 1716.

3. *John*

3. *John Alexiowiz*, born in 1663, was jointly crowned with the late CZAR, 25th June / 14th June 1682, and died in 1696, aged 33 Years. In the 18th Year of his Age, he married *Proſcovia Fæderowna Solticow*, by whom he had Iſſue, three Daughters, all now living, *viz.*

Princeſs *Catherine Johniewna*, born 1692, and married to *Charles Leopold*, Duke of *Mecklenburg Schwerin*, 19th April / 8th April 1716.

Princeſs *Anne Johniewna*, born 1693. married to *Frederick William*, late Duke of *Courland*, *Nov.* 11, 1710. who has been a Widow ever ſince the 21ſt Jan. / 10th Jan. 1711.

Princeſs *Proſcovia Johniewna*, born 1695, and yet unmarried.

The

The Daughters of the late CZAR's Father, by his firſt Wife, as above-mentioned, were,

4. Princeſs *Catherina Alexiewna*, who Died 1718.

5. Princeſs *Mary Alexiewna*, baniſhed in 1688, for ſundry Intrigueings, reſtored again the ſame Year to her Freedom, and Died in 1716.

6. Is not mentioned.

7. Princeſs *Sophia Alexiewna* was ſhut up in a Monaſtery at *Dewitz*, near *Moſcow*, and ſtrictly guarded, for conſpiring againſt the Two CZARS her Brothers, *John* and *Peter Alexiowitz*. She died in 1704.

Alexis Michaelwiz's ſecond Wife was called *Natalia Kiriliowna Nariskin*, Born in 1671, and Died 4th of Feb. 25th of Jan.

1694, aged 23, by whom he had Iſſue One Son and One Daughter, *viz.*

Peter Alexiowiz, the late CZAR, born the $\frac{11\text{th}}{1\text{ſt}}$ of *June*, 1672, and died the $\frac{8\text{th of Feb.}}{29\text{th of Jan.}}$ 1725, the very ſame Day of the Month that his Father died on. Aged 53 Years.

Princeſs *Nathalia Alexiewna*, who died $\frac{18\text{th}}{7\text{th}}$ of *June*, 1716.

Upon the Demiſe of *Theodore* in 1682, the Bojars, or great Perſons of the Realm, had a Deſign to put *John* by, who was the next Succeſſor, and confine him in a Cloiſter, knowing him to be of an infirm Body, and weak in his Intellects, and therefore incapable to diſcharge ſo great a Truſt. Accordingly *Peter Alexiowiz*, his Brother-in-Law, was proclaimed CZAR in 1682, at 10 Years

Years old; but the Princeſs *Sophia*, *John*'s own Siſter, being diſcontented at her having no Share in the Government, through her Brother's Excluſion, engaged the *Strelites* in a Revolt, who were military Perſons very conſiderable then in *Muſcovy*, but now ſuppreſſed. Things ſucceeded ſo well in their Favour, that *John* was proclaimed CZAR, and *Peter* narrowly eſcaped their Reſentment, who, had he fallen into their Hands, would have been maſſacred, as they did ſeveral of the Firſt Rank, that adhered to his Intereſt. After the Heats of that Faction were over, the CZAR *John* made a publick Declaration himſelf to the *Strelites*, and others, of his Reſolution to reſign his Dignity, through a Senſe of his natural Infirmities, unable to ſupport that weighty Charge, whereupon they conſented to Crown *Peter* jointly with him, which was

perform'd with great Solemnity $\frac{25th}{15th}$ of *June*, 1682.

1689, *June* $\frac{27th}{17th}$, the late CZAR *Peter*, at Seventeen Years old, married *Ottokoſa Fœdrowna*, Daughter of the Bojar *Theodore Abromoviz Lapuchin*; and Nine Years after, for ſome Suſpicion of Diſloyalty to his Bed, he put her away, and confined her in a Cloiſter. She is ſtill living, and ſtrictly incloſed in a Tower at *Schliſſerburg* (formerly called *Notteburg*) where her Food is conveyed to her thro' little Holes. The CZAR had Iſſue by her Two Sons, *viz.*

One born *October* 23, 1691, but died ſoon after.

Alexis Petrowiz, born *Feb.* $\frac{18th}{8th}$, 1690, and married, *Octob.* $\frac{25th}{14th}$, 1711, the Princeſs *Charlotta Chriſtina Sophia*

of

of *Wolfembuttel Blankenburg*, own Sister to the present Empress of *Germany*, by whom he had One Daughter and One Son, both now living, *viz.*

Princess *Nathalia*, born $\frac{23d}{12th}$ of *July*, 1714.

Prince *Peter Alexiowiz*, born *October* $\frac{23d}{12th}$, 1715, whose Mother died the first of *November*, nine Days after.

The late CZAR *Peter*'s Son *Alexis Petrowiz*, discover'd no Taste for Learning, or Relish for the Introduction of those Arts and Sciences, which his Father was establishing and encouraging amongst his barbarous Subjects; whereat, and his Flight out of the Kingdom into *Germany*, he incurred his highest Displeasure, who seeing Threats would not

not prevail to induce him to return Home, uſed fair Promiſes to decoy him. Upon his Arrival, he made him not only renounce for himſelf, but alſo for his Heirs for ever, all Pretenſions of Right to Succeſſion; and afterwards ſummoned the Prime Orders of the Monarchy to aſſemble to try him for ſeveral Intrigues againſt the Government. They found him guilty of divers ſecret Conſpiracies againſt his Father's Life, and proved them upon him, for which he was condemned to Death, but died before, on the 7th of July / 26th of June, 1718; ſuppoſed to have been privately made away with, or poiſoned, to avoid the greater Ignominy of an open Execution.

The

The Extraction, Birth, &c. of the CZARINA.

HER Father was a *Livonian* by Birth, of good Extraction, of the Family of *Albedeyl*, and a Lieutenant Collonel in the *Swediſh* Service, who thought of leading a ſingle Life, and living upon a ſmall Eſtate he had near *Doryt*, but it ſo happened, that he fell in Love with One of his Vaſſal Maids, married her, and in Anno 1683, ſhe bare him a Daughter, which was chriſtened *Cathcrina*.

Whilſt ſhe was very young, her Father died, and her Mother ſurvived not long after, by which ſhe was left a poor un-educated Orphan.

A School-Master took her to him, brought her up, and instructed her. As she grew up, she discovered an extraordinary Beauty in Person, excellent Manners, and such great interior Accomplishments, that the Minister of *Marienburg* in *Livonia*, one *Gluck*, took her to his House, and grounded her in the *Lutheran* Religion. She performed the easier Sort of Work belonging to Family-Service, and his Wife gave her a good Education: Hence it is, she is so often given out to have been a Priest's Daughter, and as her Father bore a considerable Post in the Army, they have defamed her Extraction by Reports, that she was the Daughter of a Serjeant or Drum-Major. In this low Condition of her Life she shewed in all her Actions, such an insinuating winning Carriage, (but especially in her devout Behaviour at Church, which she constantly frequented) as

made People, then, prognoſticate ſome future great Fortune would deſervedly befal ſo much Goodneſs and Innocency. At the ſame Time the *Ruſs* broke out in War againſt the *Swedes* in *Livonia*, it happened, that a Cadet, who uſed to go to the ſame Church at *Marienburg*, was ſmitten with the Charms and Devotion of the lovely *Catherine*, made his Affections known to the Parſon her Guardian, who gained his Compliance, and, without much demurring, her Conſent, and accordingly married her in Preſence of the Commander, ſeveral Friends, and a great many Gentry, who had retired thither from the Country, for better Security, upon hearing of an intended Invaſion from the *Czar*'s Army. A few Hours after his Marriage, the Enemy being upon March, there was diſpatched an unlucky Summons, with Order for him to

repair immediately to his Poſt, without conſummating in proper Time and Place (if he did it at all) the Duty required, and expected of a new married Man to his Bride: And a few Days after the Bridegroom's Departure, the CZAR came with his Army before *Marienburg*, in 1702. which being not in a Capacity for Reſiſtance, yielded it ſelf up at Diſcretion, whereby all the Inhabitants and Ladies in the Town fell Priſoners of War to Felt Marſhal *Czeremetof*. *Catherine*, the afflicted Bride, was removed from thence to the Court of Prince *Menzikof*, where the CZAR having Opportunities of ſeeing her, became acquainted with her: And the firſt time he ever ſaw her, her Beauty, modeſt and lovely Deportment, attracted him with a great Eſteem for her; but after he had ſome time converſed with her, and found her perſonal

ſonal Charms enlarged with a ſolid Underſtanding and true Judgment; Gifts of the Mind more capacious than what he had found in any Woman, or could imagine rarely concomitant with that Sex, he altered his firſt Eſteem of her, into a ſincere and fixed Love, beſtowed a Title of Honour upon her, and ordered a particular Court to be formed for her Reception and Entertainment. *Anno* 1711, He proclaimed her his lawful Wife, and the Children he had by her Legitimate, and Heirs of the *Ruſſian* Empire, and in *January*, 1712. they were publickly married at *Petersburg*, with great Pomp and Solemnity.

Not long, before the CZAR died, he conveened all the Eſtates of the Realm, who ſwore to be faithful and true in their Allegiance to whoever he ſhould nominate or appoint

his Succeſſor; and accordingly, after his Death, to the Surprize of all Mankind, it was found he had declared in his Will, *Catherine Alexiewna*, his Second Wife, to ſucceed him as Empreſs of *Ruſſia*, and all other his Dominions, to the Excluſion of three Neices, *viz.*

Princeſs *Catherine*, Dutcheſs of *Mecklenburg*.

Princeſs *Anne*, Dutcheſs of *Courland*. And,

Princeſs *Proſcovia*.

If *Proximity* of *Blood* would have helped them, either of theſe Ladies had a better *Right* than himſelf, being Daughters of his elder Brother, *John Alexiowiz*, beſides his firſt Wife, and two Innocent, Grand-Children, all then living, which at the firſt ſetting out of a riſing Empire, is a fatal Stroke to the Abettors of an univerſal indefeaſible *Hereditary Right* in Monarchies, by a Succeſſion from *Adam*.

He

He had Iſſue by the CZARINA, five Children, two Princes and three Princeſſes; of which, the Princeſſes are all living. The eldeſt of them, *Anne*, was born 1708. and married to the Duke of *Holſtein*, in 1725.

Some Accounts publiſhed about the CZARINA differ; in one printed at *Zerbſt* in *Anhalt*, it is inſerted, She was the Widow of Lieutenant Collonel *Tieſſenhauſen*, and married to the CZAR, *Anno* 1707.

In another, printed at *Jena*, 1724. a ſmall City and Univerſity of *Thuringen*, no ſuch mention is made; only its being reported a long time, that her Husband, the Cadet, who married her at *Marienburg*, in 1702, was afterwards promoted to the Poſt of a Lieutenant Collonel.

The

The CZAR's *Character* of the CZARINA.

ALTHOUGH the Inequality of our Stations were great, yet ſo far am I from ever repenting my ſelf of my Choice; that I have, on the contrary, by marrying her, found my ſelf poſſeſſed, not of an Empreſs in Name, but of one in Reality, for Magnanimity and good Underſtanding; and of an Angel, in human Form, for Beauty and all Manner of Virtue.. She embraced the *Greek* Religion in 1703. and ever ſince has, with great Devotion, been attached to it; obſerving its cuſtomary Faſts more ſeverely than any of the *Ruſſes* do: She underſtands and talks the *Ruſſian* Language to Perfection: She is politick, and by an

an admirable timing of her Carreſſes, knows how to ſooth my moſt violent Paſſions into an abſolute Calm; when I was inclined to be ever ſo angry: She did not intereſt her ſelf upon ſmall Occaſions for every one, yet had an Art, without being diſcovered, to flatter thoſe Perſons who ſtood greateſt in my Favour: She ſhewed a courteous and affable Behaviour to all, but eſpecially to my Soldiers, and upon Feſtivals would help the Guards with Brandy from her own Hands: She founded an Order to the Honour of St. *Catherine*, and wears a Badge thereof, which ſhe confers ſometimes upon the Ladies of her Court; not in too profuſe a Manner, but with the utmoſt Diſcretion; for ſhe is very prudent in all her Management.

As to her Perſon, ſhe is ſomewhat ſhort, thick-ſet and corpulent, yet

yet notwithſtanding perfectly agreeable and beautiful: But it was for her large Endowments of Mind, tranſcendant Virtues, and conſummate Underſtanding, that I have made her Partner of my Royal Bed, Succeſſor to my Empire, and her Heirs after her, well knowing that ſuch Deſcendants are only worthy of ſuch Dominion and ſo great Inheritance.

The ACCOUNT of her DEATH and CHARACTER, by *Caleb D'Anvers*, Esq;

ON the $\frac{28th}{17th}$ of *May* died at *Petersburg*, her *Imperial* Majesty CATHERINE, Empress of *Russia*; a Princess, who raised herself in so extraordinary a Manner, to the Bed and singular Affection of one of the greatest Monarchs of *Europe*, both in Power and Understanding, that she hath long been the Wonder of this Part of the World; and perhaps a full Account of her Life would discover such a Series of Female-Sagacity, Penetration and Abilities, as cannot be paralleled in the Histories of ancient or modern Times.

Some Hours before her Death, her *Imperial* Majeſty made a *Will*, in which ſhe named Prince *Peter Alexiowiz*, Grandſon of the late Emperor, to be her Succeſſor to the Crown of *Ruſſia*; upon which that Prince was, immediately after her Deceaſe, declared Emperor, and recognized as ſuch by all the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, who took the uſual Oaths, kiſſing the holy Croſs and the Goſpel.

Nobody can as yet judge what Effect this Demiſe will have on the Affairs of *Europe*; though natural Self-love makes all Parties willing to interpret it in Favour of their own Schemes.

The *Holſteiners* flatter themſelves that their Duke will be placed at the Head of the *Regency*, and have the

the Direction of the Government, during the Minority of the young CZAR.

The *Imperialiſts* pretend that it will be a great Advantage to them, to have a Nephew of the *Emperor* upon the Throne of *Ruſſia*; the Mother of the preſent young CZAR having been ſiſter to the Empreſs of *Germany*.

The CZARINA's Death, at this critical Juncture, (which I am willing to believe was in a *natural* Way, notwithſtanding what ſome of our News-Writers have ſuggeſted) hath doubtleſs had ſome Influence on the Affairs of *Europe*; and if it be true that her Demiſe was concealed for ſome Days, till Advice of it could be ſent to the Emperor of *Germany*, it probably might have had no ſmall Effect on that Court, and induce his

his *Imperial* Majeſty to accept the *Preliminary Articles*, which hath occaſioned ſo much Joy in this Kingdom. But we have now a proſpect of much greater Joy, from the Acceſſion of his moſt Gracious Majeſty, King GEORGE the SECOND, to whom we moſt heartily wiſh a long and proſperous *Reign*, attended with all the *Bleſſings*, without any of the *Miſcarriages* and *Calamities* of thoſe which have preceded it.

The following excellent EPIGRAM *is the Compoſition of* Aaron Hill, *Eſq; who was lately honoured with a Gold Medal ſent him by the* CZARINA, *upon the juſt Merit of his celebrated Poem, entituled,* The NORTHERN STAR.

On

On the ſudden Death of the CZARINA.

By A. HILL, *Eſq*;

THUS, to the long-lov'd Partner of his Breaſt,
Spoke *Great* ALEXIOWITZ, when call'd to reſt;
" Let THE WORLD'S EMPIRE YOURS *,——
atone my Death:
She wept —— renounc'd his Hope —— and gave up Breath.
When to the Realms of Light, o'er-joy'd, ſhe came,
And knew Her Lord, by his *ſuperior* Flame;
Blame not, ſhe cry'd, if, ſince you ceas'd to *ſhare*,
I found the *World you gave*, beneath my Care:
What *Angel*, here, would loſe his *Heaven*, to go,
Unhappily preferr'd, *Earth's Chief*, below?
How, then, cou'd I ſo poorly buſied be,
To *ſtoop* to *govern Kings*, and forfeit *Thee!*

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* The Motto of a Medal.

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THE END